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MEMORANDUM TO: Prosecution Section (Report No. 69).
THRU: Executive Officer, War Crimes Branch.
SUBJECT: Massacre of non-combatant civilians at Bauan, Batangas.

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II. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:

On the morning of 28 February 1945, members of the Japanese Army stationed at Bauan, Batangas Province, notified all residents of the town there would be a mass meeting at the Bauan Roman Catholic Church, and that everyone should assemble there forthwith (R 3, 8, 11). In order to prevent escape, guards were placed on all roads leading from the town (R 3). By 1000 on the morning in question, practically everyone in the village had congregated at the church, at which time the women and children were separated from the men, and taken to the Bauan Elementary School Building (R 3, 8). The men, forced to remain in the church, were then searched by the Japanese, and everything of value appropriated; they were then told to sit in the pews, eight men to a bench, and a quick count disclosed a total of 328 men present (R 8). No further action was taken until approximately 1 P.M., at which time the men were marched in groups of 100, into the basement of the house of Severino BAUTISTA, about 140 yards Northeast of the church (R 3, 4, 8). The doors of the basement were closed and a short time thereafter Japanese soldiers were heard moving around on the floor above. A hissing sound was then heard, followed by the sound of Japanese soldiers running away. Immediately thereafter there was a deafening explosion which either killed or wounded most of those in the basement (R 4, 8, 11, 14). Most of those not killed by the explosion were shot or bayoneted as they attempted to escape from the building, but a few managed to slip away (R 9, 14).

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題目「バタンガス」「ボーアン」ニ於ケル非
戰國員虐殺事件

二、證據ノ要約

一九四五年二月廿八日ノ朝、「バタンガス」省
「ボーアン」ニ駐屯シテ居タ日本陸軍部隊員ハ
「ボーアン」天主教徒會ニ集會ガアリ、全住民
ハ同教會ニ直チニ集合スベシト同市ノ全住民ニ
通告シマシタ。（報告三、八、十一）逃避ヲ防
グタメ、同市ヨリノ主要ナ道路全部ニ番兵ガ置
カレマシタ。（報告三）其ノ朝十時迄ニハ殆ド
村ノ全員ガ同教會ニ集合シテ居リマシタ。其ノ
時ニ、婦女半ハ男子ト別ニセラレ、「ボーア
ン」初等學校ノ建物ニツレテ行カレマシタ。（報
告三、八）男子ハ同教會ニ留マルコトヲ強制セ

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アルモノハ總テ横領サレマシタ。彼等ハ教會ノ
庭席ニ一ツノ腰掛ニ八名カケルヤウニ云ヘレ、
手ツ取り早ク敷ヘテ全部デ三二八名出席シテ居
ル事ガ判明シマシタ。(報告八) オヨソ午後ノ
一時頃マデ、ソレ以上何モ起リマセシデシタ。
一時頃ニナツテ、男子ハ百名一聯トナツテ教會
ヨリ東北方百ヤード許リノ所ニアル「セベリノ、
パウテイスタ」ノ家ノ地下室ニ進レテ行カレマ
シタ。(報告三、四、八) 地下室ノ戸ハ閉メラ
レテ其ノ後暫ラク経ツテ日本兵連ガ頂上ノ床ノ
上ヲ動キ廻ツテキルノガ聞エテキマシタ。ソノ
トキ、シューシュー、ト云フ音ガ聞エ、ソレニ
續イテ日本兵ガ走り去ル音ガシマシタ。聞モナ
ク耳ヲ劈ク許リノ爆發ガ起リ、地下室ニ居タ人
ノ殆ンドヲ殺シタカ負傷サセマシタ。(報告四、
八、十一、十四) 爆發デ殺サレナカツタ人ノ大
部分ハ逃ゲ出ソウトシタトキニ射殺サレタカ刺
殺サレマシタガ、僅カノ人達ハ何ントカシテ逃
ゲマシタ。(報告九、一四)

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